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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Reply Comments DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340, RM-11683

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write on behalf of the Canton / Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau to encourage the FCC to take the necessary action to bring a competitive broadband network to all of America.

We are located on the northeastern Ohio in the heart of the Utica Shale gas boom in our State. The ancillary benefits of the natural gas industry has been an increased demand in many other industries: travel and tourism, hospitality, and technology to name just a few. Due to these increases in industries in our area, our Chamber of Commerce has made major innovative strides to help businesses locate in our City and County.

However, the increase in the number of people and businesses has also brought a great deal of stress to our existing infrastructure of cellular and internet delivery systems. Another reliable network provides options and competition.

As I understand it, a private wholesale-only mobile broadband provider with nationwide coverage in this field will spur investment, competition and innovation in the wireless industry as well as expand the nation's broadband capacity to the benefit of many underserved communities. As we are a part of the natural gas play, our County has a diverse range of communities ranging from a city in excess of 70,000 to numerous farming communities. Having access to affordable local telecommunications services that have nationwide LTE coverage, but can also meet the particular demographic needs of these communities throughout our county is an enviable possibility.

I'm pleased that both the Obama Administration and the FCC recognize the spectrum conundrum facing our nation, but I want to strongly urge you to move at a faster pace. We all know that spectrum is finite and demand is skyrocketing, but we need all components of our federal government to approach spectrum sharing in a way that ultimately benefits all of our citizens. The approach that LightSquared has most recently put forth will best serve the public interest in a balanced way by providing flexible use of government spectrum in the most efficient manner possible. To give up its rights to terrestrial use of the very spectrum that was alleged to have caused interference with GPS devices in exchange for a sharing agreement with the government seems more than fair.

Thank you for moving as expeditiously as possible with your review; I very much appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown  
U.S. Senator Rob Portman  
Speaker John Boehner, U.S. House of Representatives  
Congressman Bob Latta  
Congressman Bob Gibbs  
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